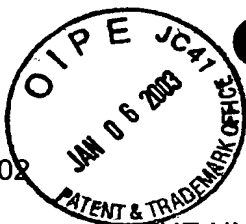


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Greg HETHERINGTON
Serial no. : 09/898,948
Filed : July 3, 2001
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS
PROCESSING FREE-FORMAT DATA
Group Art Unit : 3624
Examiner : Ella Colbert
Docket : GRIHAC P22AUSD1

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FOR 1/14/03

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The Applicant hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension of term, attached hereto,
thereby extending the term for response to and including **December 27, 2002**.

[XXX] A check for the fees indicated below, based upon the Applicant's small entity status, accompanies this response.	
PETITION FOR 3-MONTH EXTENSION OF TERM	\$460
TOTAL:	\$460

In response to the official action mailed June 27, 2002, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 78 and 93 as follows. Also accompanying this response is a marked up version of the claims showing all of the changes made to the previously pending claims by the following amended claims.

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